

IN THE CLAIMS

Please make the following amendments to the claims:

1 – 8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A system for tracking file storage on a file-sharing or peer-to-peer network comprising:

a computer coupled to the file sharing or peer-to-peer network;

a database to ~~track~~ store information about files available on the file-sharing or peer-to-peer network coupled to the computer;

the computer comprising:

a query device adapted to request a list of all shared files from each of a plurality of computers connected to the file sharing or peer-to-peer network; and

a transfer device adapted to ~~receive a list of shared files by passively transferring~~ intercept the list of all shared files from each computer of the plurality of computers and automatically store the list of all shared files in the database, thereby tracking file storage on the file-sharing or peer-to-peer network.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising an inventory preparation server coupled to the database.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 9, further comprising an archiving system coupled to the database, the archiving system to store at least one copy of the plurality of lists.

12. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising an inventory processing server coupled to the database.

13. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising a report preparation server coupled to the database.

14. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising an inventory preparation server coupled to the database, an inventory processing server coupled to the inventory preparation server, and a report preparation server coupled to the inventory processing server.

15. (Original) The system of claim 9, the computer further comprising an interception device adapted to make a copy of a plurality of search requests from the network.

16. (Original) The system of claim 15, the computer further comprising a second transfer device adapted to transfer the plurality of search requests from the computer to the database.

17-23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) A method of tracking file storage on a file-sharing or peer-to-peer network comprising:

coupling a computer to a database, the database to store lists of shared files available from peer computers on the file-sharing or peer-to-peer network;

coupling the computer to the file-sharing or peer-to-peer network;

locating a plurality of computers connected to the file-sharing or peer-to-peer network by IP address;

requesting a listing of ~~a~~an entire library of shared files from each of said plurality of computers connected to the file-sharing or peer-to-peer network;

receiving the listing of the ~~plurality of libraries~~ entire library of shared files from the computer; and

automatically storing the listing in the database, thereby tracking file storage on the file-sharing or peer-to-peer network.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising adding source information to each of the listings.

26. (Original) The method of claim 25, wherein the source information comprises the geographic location of a computer where the library is stored.

27. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising intercepting a plurality of search requests on the network, where said plurality of search requests come to said computer; and copying said plurality of search requests.

28. (Original) The method of claim 27, further comprising transferring the plurality of search requests from the computer to the database.

29. (Original) The method of claim 24, further comprising generating at least one report including data from a plurality of listings.

30. (Original) The method of claim 29, further comprising generating at least one report including data from a plurality of listings and a plurality of search requests.

31-38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) A method of reporting on shared files available through a peer-to-peer network comprising:

obtaining a plurality of inventories of shared files, one inventory from each of a plurality of nodes in a peer-to-peer network;

storing the plurality of inventories in a database; and

generating a report based on the inventories in the database, the report to show a trend in inventory activity by one of song, album or artist.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the inventories are inventories of MP3 files.

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the plurality of inventories of shared files is a first plurality of inventories, the method further comprising:

obtaining a second plurality of inventories of shared files at least one hour after obtaining the first plurality of inventories; and

storing the second plurality of inventories in the database.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the report shows a percentage of the plurality of nodes that share a predetermined file as a function of time.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 39 wherein the report compares, over time, a first percentage of the plurality of nodes that share a first predetermined file against a second percentage of the plurality of nodes that share a second predetermined file.